

Social and Personal.

The Lovers.

Two lovers in life's morning stood
And watched the robins wait
Among the fragrant apple boughs,
Each for his calling mate.
He kissed her shyly, then they romped
And prattled thro' the gate;
For one was just eleven years
And one was only eight.

Two lovers in life's golden noon
Beneath the apple tree
Heard once again the robins call.
"I love you," whispered he.
"The birds are singing love's sweet song,
Dear heart, for you and me."
"And I," she answered, "you."
And one was twenty-three
And one was twenty-three.

Two lovers in life's afterglow
Watched each swift-changing hue.
Thro' all the years love's mating call
Had echoed sweet and true.
"I love you, dear," he murmured low.
"And I," she answered, "you."
Tho' one of them was sixty-five
And one was sixty-two.

Maurice Smiley, in September Delineator.

Launching the Ship.

The preparations for launching the battleship Louisiana in the Newport News shipyards are almost complete. The christening stand and the sponsor's booth, where Miss Juanita Lalande, of New Orleans, will be stationed to break the proverbial bottle of champagne, have already been erected.

The tide will be high at about 11 o'clock on Saturday, and the launching ceremonies are expected to take place about noon. Miss Lalande will be accompanied to Newport News by Governor Blanchard and a party of prominent Louisiana people. A delegation from the navy yard at Washington, D. C., and one from the Norfolk navy yard will also be present.

Near the Louisiana is the battleship Virginia, in which all the guests of the Old Dominion will be entertained. The Old Dominion is a special interest. The armored plates are now being put around this battleship's turrets, which show a difference in construction by slanting from the front on top, instead of being flat, in order to give greater resistance to shells.

The presentation of the silver service to the Virginia is of a special gift in silver to her from the Colonial Dames of the State will be the occasion of another brilliant ceremony in the history of this namesake of the "Mother of States."

Travelers Returned.

Mr. John T. Anderson and Mr. O. H. Berry, who, with other friends, have been making a delightful European tour, are in Richmond again, where many beautiful dinners and charming little supper parties are being given in honor of the travelers' return.

The mere presence of Mr. Anderson has turned attention to horse show matters. Society draws a long breath and feels now quite sure that the wonderful successes of former years will be repeated.

Stay-at-Home Club.

The Stay-at-Home Whist Club met Monday evening with Admiral and Mrs. Webster in their apartments at The Chesterfield.

Highest scores were made by Mrs. Bland Spotswood Smith, playing with Mr. S. W. Travers.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. J. H. Carter, of West Franklin street, who has been suffering from a sprained ankle, is now, as his friends will be gratified to hear, much better.

Personal Mention.

Miss Helen Cameron is visiting Mrs. C. B. Buck, at the latter's lovely home in Albemarle county.

Mrs. Fred. Pleasant is spending some time with her father, Mr. Barksdale, in Halifax county.

Miss Edie Branch is with her aunt, Mrs. Fred. Scott, at Hot Springs, Va.

Mr. Henry C. Stuart has bought the beautiful home inherited by Miss Annie and Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore from their uncle, Captain Allison, on West Franklin. With his beautiful wife, Mr. Stuart will be warmly welcomed as a welcomed addition to the Richmond society.

Miss Ethel Phee, who has been ill with typhoid fever in Louisville, Ky., where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hite, is now convalescent and it is hoped will soon be able to come back to Richmond with her mother, Mrs. James B. Pace.

Mr. Edward Palmer has returned from a visit to Blue Ridge Springs, where his family are summering.

Mrs. Calvin Whiteley and Miss Virginia Whiteley are back from New York and have as their charming guest, Mrs. Jones, of New York.

Miss Annie Rose Walker, of No. 600 West Franklin Street, has been very ill for some time past with nervous prostration at Dr. DeCarm's "Rest Cure," in Philadelphia.

Miss Bertha Atkinson is the guest of Mr. P. H. Mayo, in Clarke county.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chalkley are visiting Mrs. M. P. Andrews, in Hampton, Va.

Dr. Benjamin H. Gray, of New York, who has been spending a part of his vacation at "Northfield," in Cumberland county, is now the guest of Mrs. R. T. Hunter, at No. 215 East Franklin Street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Costenbader, of Staunton, Pa., and Dr. F. L. Costenbader, of the University of Medicine of Richmond, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Costenbader, in South Norfolk.

Miss Nettie Johnson and Miss Fannie Nuckolls, who have been visiting Mrs. T. W. Brittingham, in Hampton, have returned to Richmond.

Miss Lillian Benwell, of Morrison, Va., is entertaining a house party of young friends from different parts of the State.

Richmond visitors to friends in Newport News include Miss Virginia F. Leath and Miss Annie Sprinkle. Miss Irene Owen, of Newport News, is spending a few days in Richmond before going to Atlantic City.

Mr. William B. Pizini and Mr. Philip Schloss are enjoying a fishing trip together.

Mr. Spencer Carter is a member of Mr.

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to spare at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 270.

The Married Lover.

BY PATMORE.

The portrait and biographical sketch of Patmore, along with other selections, have already appeared in this series.

WHY, having won her, do I woo?
Because her spirit's vestal grace
Provokes me always to pursue,
But, spirit-like, eludes embrace;

Because her womanhood is such
That, as on court-days subjects kiss
The Queen's hand, yet so near a touch
Affirms no mean familiarity,

Nay, rather marks more fair the height
Which can with safety so neglect
To dread, as lower ladies might,
That grace could meet with disrespect,

Thus she with happy favor feeds
Allegiance from a love so high
That thence no false conceit proceeds
Of difference bridged, or state put by;

Because, although in act and word
As lowly as a wife can be,
Her manners, when they call me lord,
Remind me 'tis by courtesy;

Not with her least consent of will,
Which would my proud affection hurt,
But by the noble style that still
Imputes an unattain'd desert:

Because her gay and lofty brows,
When all is won which hope can ask,
Reflect a light of hopeless snows
That bright in virgin ether bask;

Because, though free of the outer court
I am, this Temple keeps its shrine
Sacred to Heaven; because, in short,
She's not and never can be mine.

Feasts entice; stars distress with height;
Friendship means well, but misses reach,
And wearies in its best delight
Vex'd with the vanities of speech;

Too long regarded, roses even
Afflict the mind with fond unrest;
And to converse direct with Heaven
Is oft a labor in the breast;

Whatever the up-looking soul admires,
Whatever the senses banquet be,
Fatigues at last with vain desires,
Or sickness by satiety;

But truly my delight was more
In her to whom I'm for aye
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who has been the guest of Miss Callie Humphries in Hampton, will leave this week for Elizabeth City, N. C.

Mrs. Irvin Watkins is back after spending several weeks very pleasantly at Mount Elliott Springs, near Staunton, Va.

Mrs. Albert, who has been summering at Jefferson Park Hotel, will chaperone a party to St. Louis before she comes back to Richmond.

Mrs. Williams McCarthy and Miss Agnes McCarthy are at Cuckoo, Louisa county, for late August and September.

Mrs. Henningham Spillman is with her daughter, Mrs. Otto Theodore Hess, in New York.

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